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PLASMA TREATMENT OF LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT DIELECTRIC MATERIAL TO FORM STRUCTURES USEFUL IN FORMATION OF METAL INTERCONNECTS AND/OR FILLED VIAS FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT STRUCTURE			

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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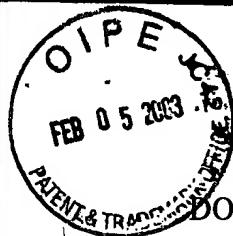
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 24, 2003

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action of December 24, 2002. Please amend the specification of the above-identified application as follows: